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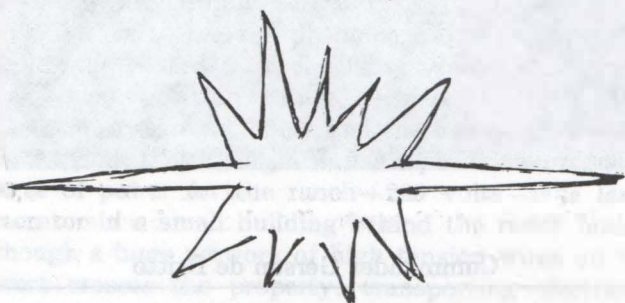
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## UFO - AIRLINER "CHASE" IN BRAZIL

Britto's drawing of UFO



OBSERVAÇÃO PRÓXIMA (15 KM)  
(Closest Observation) — (15 KM)

Gerson Maciel de Britto

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## VALDEZ: MUTILATION EX-SKEPTIC

New Mexico State Policeman Gabe Valdez was very skeptical of the possible existence of aliens from outer space only 5 years ago. That was before he witnessed his first cattle mutilation. Now, Valdez says he just can't rule out the existence of extraterrestrial beings. More likely, he says, a top-secret government medical research project is responsible for the mysterious deaths of more than 90 head of livestock in New Mexico since 1975.

Valdez became involved in the cattle mutilation issue in June 1976 when a neighboring rancher reported a dead cow with strange incisions in its soft tissues. On investigation, Valdez said he found a tripod-like imprint near the animal's carcass, resembling tracks that might be made by a helicopter landing. Later, he received reports that a strange orange light had been spotted by residents around the time the cow died. Valdez has subsequently seen the light himself "lots of times". "It goes slowly and then it goes quickly, it looks like an evening star, but it's orange," he said.

A June 1980 report by Ken Rommel, a former FBI

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On the 8th of February, 1982, from 3:11 to 4:33 a.m. the pilot, crew and many of the passengers aboard VASP (Boeing 727) flight 169 from Fortaleza to Sao Paulo Brazil, observed a brilliant UFO.

### WEATHER AND FLYING CONDITIONS

Visibility during the flight was unlimited, there was no turbulence and the UFO was observed *along with the planet Venus* as well as other astronomical bodies and the full moon.

### THE OBJECT

The UFO presented the appearance of a brilliant white light with lateral projections at the sides (somewhat like wings) which became clearer to the viewers after the object approached the aircraft at its closest point (near Belo Horizonte) approximately 70 kilometers distant. These projections could not be identified as actual physical extensions or merely light flashes. However, they did not detract from the existence of the fixed, well-defined core of the object.

The actual details of this sighting are best perceived by studying the drawings accompanying this text, which are reproductions based on the actual drawings of the prime witness, Commander Gerson Maciel Britto.

### THE WITNESSES:

On board the VASP, Cmdr. Britto and 1st Officer Carlos Alberto Goes de Britto observed the object directly through cockpit windows, and flight engineer, Francisco Cezarino confirmed the presence of the object although he was not able to leave his instrument panel to observe it for any length of time.

Commander Britto alerted the passengers via the inter-communications system, and many of them were able to observe the object also.

The object maintained a course to the left of the aircraft (to the east) throughout the flight from Fortaleza to Belo Horizonte (the VASP was on a heading of 220 degrees). At Belo Horizonte Britto changed course to a heading of 196 degrees to Pirai, then to 145 degrees which he maintained until the aircraft let down for the landing at Rio. (See accompanying drawings).

Some sparse thin clouds were encountered between Belo Horizonte and Rio, at which time the object's luminosity diminished occasionally as it was partially obscured by the haze.



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## Brazil

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The original pronouncements in the press that the object was Venus, were ultimately proven to be erroneous. However, Rogerio Ronaldo Mauro, the head of the National Observatory at Rio attempted to further identify the object as a "tropical aurora borealis."

#### OTHER WITNESSES

1. As the observers aboard the aircraft watched the object for the last time, over Guanabara Bay, a lady psychologist in Niteroi (across the Bay from Rio) got up from bed to take some medicine and saw the object also.
2. Two students driving to Niteroi from Itaboraí watched the same object.

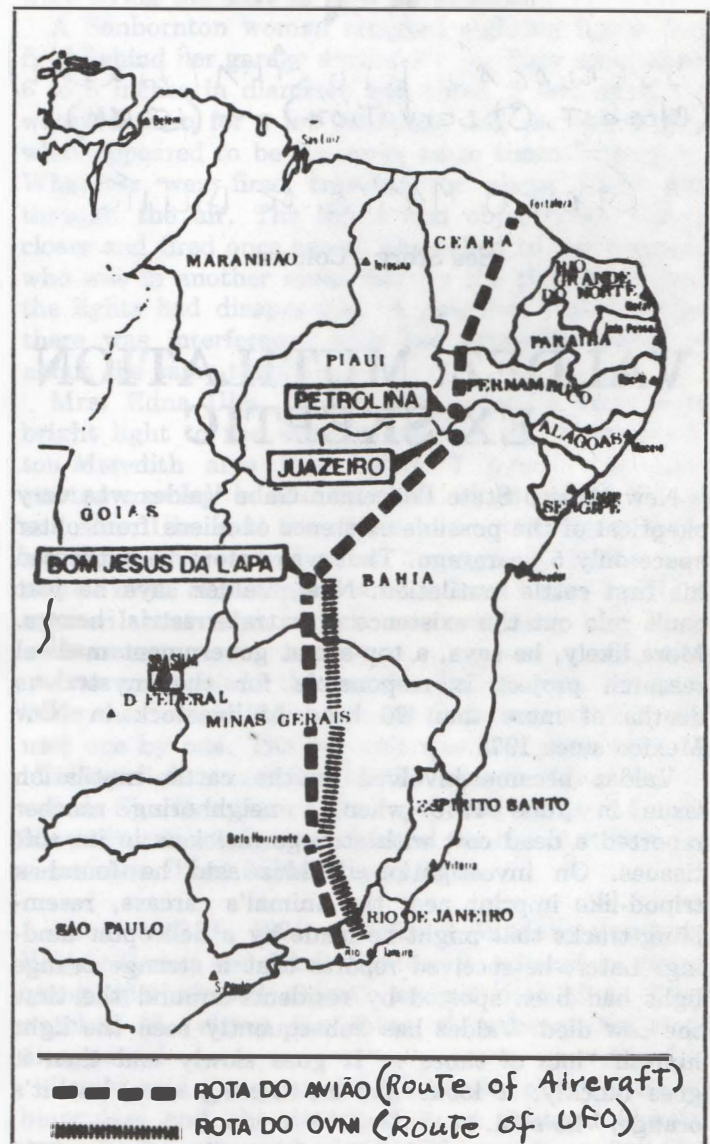
#### ABOUT BRITTO

Commander Britto is 45 years old, married, and the father of five children. He has been with VASP for the past 22 years, and prior to his employment with VASP, was with Lloyd Aereo for eight years. Due to retire soon,



O comandante Gerson Maciel de Britto tem mais de 20 mil horas de voo

Commander Gerson de Britto



Map Showing Airliner Route  
 and Route of the UFO







## EDITORIAL

(The following is printed by permission of *The Australian UFO Bulletin*, the address of which is: P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189, Australia)

Instead of our usual Editorial, we are substituting excerpts from a paper by Colin A. Phillips of UFO Research Queensland, to a meeting in Adelaide, South Australia, October 1981. These excellent statements are much needed awakening nudges at dreamtime ufology.

"30 years after the great UFO invasion of Earth occurred, because no physical war was fought, the battle of the mind was lost. Those who have knowledge of this event and dare speak of it, have been drowned out with laughter and ridicule or destroyed by character assassination. The world audience with its provincial view, narrow horizons and vested interests, is not ready for this new concept.

However, those who talked about swamp gas and degraded facts to clues, are still "sifting carefully through the evidence", creating UFO jargon, statistics and methods of investigation, trying to make a science of what all the time was a major historical event.

The UFO visitations to Earth of the 1950's have subsided now and the real work of UFO groups should be to use the best evidence to inform governments and citizens of the real significance of this event on our future civilization. We should have an informed public in readiness should the events of the 1950's be repeated.

All UFO researchers know that there is confusion at the top and a lot of this is purposeful to damp down public curiosity.

Secrecy surrounds not only UFO events, but also our own space programme, which has been relatively simple to maintain as the military have monopoly in these areas. However, the situation may change with the development of yet even smaller electronic components. A new generation of satellites may soon emerge smaller, able to be put into orbit by cheaper rockets.

It seems that the security agencies on both sides of the Iron Curtain, have co-operated (I suspect they do this often) to maintain their monopoly on space information and maintain UFO blackout.

Most UFO researchers admit to some official censorship of UFO's. But many haven't the mental scope to encompass space itself in this censorship which it must do to be 100% effective, and if it is not 100% then there is no point. So who's allowed into space?

Professor James E. McDonald stated when concluding a lecture to the Canadian Aeronautics and

Space Institute on 12 March 1968:

### QUOTE:

Returning now to more positive considerations, let me stress that my own studies of the UFO problem have forced me to the conclusion that it is an *International scientific problem of potentially enormous importance.*

In my view, the hypothesis of an *extraterrestrial origin* for UFOs appears (via argument by elimination of many alternative hypotheses) to be the most satisfactory hypothesis to account for the impressive body of observational evidence that has been accumulated over the past two decades of UFO sightings. Space has not permitted my confronting here the many obvious challenges that such a position properly evokes; I have confronted some of those elsewhere in cited references.

Others are simply unanswerable in terms of presently available information. That's scarcely a new situation in the history of science.

If there is admitted to be even a very slim possibility that UFOs are extraterrestrial surveillance devices of some type (and I incline to that view at present, as do many other serious students of the UFO problem), then it should be obvious that a very energetic scientific investigation of that possibility ought to be launched. Instead, to date, world scientific opinion still leans predominantly in the direction that UFOs constitute a "nonsense problem", a bothersome host of reports of misidentified natural phenomena. However, one finds that the spokesmen who most strongly emphasize that view are (with almost no exceptions) quite uninformed as to the real nature of the UFO evidence. Ridicule and official mishandling of the problem have kept the true nature of the UFO evidence well out of sight. As one American writer recently quipped, "The American public is not telling the Air Force the truth about UFOs". This has been true on a global scale, while the mass of evidence has grown steadily greater.

UFOs are, in my opinion, the greatest international scientific problem of our times.

### UNQUOTE

Professor McDonald, like many others who have dared to contradict the "official fiction" is rarely quoted even by Australian research groups who have had access to his works since the 1976 Mt. Gambier UFO Conference.

NOTE—The full text is printed in UFO ENCOUNTER, September-October Edition, Newsletter of the U.F.O. Research (Queensland) P.O. Box 111, North Quay, Brisbane, Australia 4000

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## PHYSIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE

We may be overlooking a very important sort of physical evidence!

A number of individuals reporting abduction also exhibit surgical (?) scars seemingly connected with the experience. It has been suggested that these scars may be a symptom of an implant and/or alteration which was part of the abduction experience.

Such speculations may or may not be justified but the point that should be made is that here is evidence that may be examined and evaluated.

Our first step should be, I think, an attempt to catalog and categorize all such marks. All investigators who have dealt with abduction cases involving such marks are asked to report on details to APRO Headquarters.

In cases where such marks have not been reported or noted, it might be well to re-examine the subject. The hairline areas of the back of the neck and of the forehead should be examined under a bright light. Recent cases in particular should be scrutinized. Recent scars should be easier to detect and current trends or developments should be most significant regarding direction for further research.

Send as much data as possible in your first letter. Let us know if X-rays have been taken (or are being considered), etc. When responding to this article, be sure to state the subject's name and the date, time and location of the occurrence. Then, if you are referring to a case already on file, it will be little or no problem to locate the original case.

We'll get the appropriate consultants involved and be back in touch.

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## UFOs OVER LAKE ONTARIO

UFO investigators are trying to link several photographs taken of objects in Lake Ontario to the many sightings of unusual objects over the lake. Malcom Williams of Niagara Falls says, "It seems one type of unidentified craft is being seen by many people."

A New York City magazine has a photograph which it is considering publishing which matches the description of other sightings—a long, cylinder-shaped vehicle, light green and dull grey in color, with a rounded nose. The photo was allegedly taken by a Niagara Falls, N.Y. man about five years ago near the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club. The photo was tested by computer in the midwestern U.S. and is not of a

model or a fake.

Mr. Williams said he took a photo of a similar craft two years ago near the same spot. "I watched it for about 3 seconds. It was about half-way across the lake and suddenly disappeared," he said. "There seemed to be square windows in it." The description also fits a photo taken of a UFO by a professor in Missouri.

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## REPEAT LANDINGS IN URUGUAY

*By Bob Van Der Velde*

The most important spot on our planet may be a remote ranch deep in the Uruguayan outback. According to local ranchers, police and residents in nearby towns, more than 70 UFOs have landed at this ranch during the past four years.

Pedro Romaniuk, a well-known writer in Argentina and author of more than ten books on UFOs (unfortunately for most APRO members, none is available in English), had invited us to join him on a visit to the ranch. For ten hours, we rolled through the night in Pedro's camper. Now and then the shadowy figures of gauchos galloped alongside the highway, but the road was nearly devoid of traffic. Around midnight, we passed through the Argentine customs point, then crossed the Rio de la Plata over an enormous concrete bridge and headed into Uruguay. It was not until the wee hours of the morning that we reached our destination—a large cattle ranch, or "estancia," called La Aurora. Here, according to Romaniuk, UFO sightings are so common that we might even see a landing ourselves.

Following his advice, we had brought along a good supply of infrared film and flashbulbs, and I could picture my wife Lois and me crouched in the darkness behind a stone wall watching a giant, saucer-shaped craft touch down in front of us while we sneaked photos of it. I had conducted extensive infrared tests shots at home, discovering that I could capture a passable image from a distance of about 90 feet at night without anyone knowing they had been photographed.

One thing worried me, however. In conducting my infrared research, I discovered that, while the infrared spectrum is invisible to the human eye, it can be seen by a certain species of fish. Was it not then possible that an extraterrestrial might also see infrared light and while my infrared flashes would be invisible to Lois and me, might they not illuminate the entire landscape for the occupants of an alien spacecraft, making us fair game? We decided it would be worth the risk.



No, we never saw a UFO, although we did see evidence of some 20 landings, and Don Tonna, the ranch owner, insisted there were at least 50 more landing sites that we simply did not have time to visit during our two-day stay at La Aurora. We spent the first day on foot, visiting nearby sites, then the second day traveling by car to more distant ones. The land is so bleak that you can drive across the pampas unhampered, for trees, and even large bushes, grow only where planted by man.

At each location, we saw the same sight—a large circle on the ground where the grass had been burned away, then had grown back much greener than the surrounding grass. In each circle there were three impressions, forming a triangle, as if they had been formed by pod-shaped landing gear. In these impressions no grass had grown back, even though some of them were more than three years old. Each of the impressions was approximately two feet in diameter. The grassy circles varied from about 20 feet to 100 feet in diameter, and the indentations, or pod marks, were spaced farther apart when located in the larger circles. Next to each pod mark was a smaller indentation, varying from two to three inches in diameter. Again, vegetation had not grown back in these smaller indentations regardless of age. Each of these small impressions was located a few inches from the larger pod marks, and always on their outside edge, that is, on the edge facing the outer rim of each grassy circle. In this respect, the impressions at La Aurora seem to be unique. While we had heard about and seen photographs of apparant pod impressions in other parts of the world, we had never seen smaller circular impressions next to them. Romaniuk believes these were formed by "probes"—shafts extended from each pod of a landing gear to test the ground for firmness, ascertaining whether or not it was capable of supporting the weight of a heavy craft before a final landing was completed.



Pedro Romaniuk's camper stands next to the ranch house at the estancia La Aurora. Most of the UFO sightings were from the immediate grounds of the house.

Romaniuk believes that the grassy circles were formed by some type of "magnetic radiation," which fertilized the soil, causing grass to grow greener there. At the same time, he feels that some form of intense energy first struck the ground from the probes and pods, causing those areas to become infertile. He believes this magnetic radiation to be harmless, despite several "Danger—Radioactive Area" signs installed at various locations around the ranch by the Uruguayan Army.



Don Tonna stands in the same spot he stood when he was badly burned by a UFO. His dog is also in the same location, but it is a different dog. The first was killed from radiation.

Although Romaniuk insists this type of radiation is harmless, Don Tonna once suffered severe radiation burns during a sighting and his dog and prize stud bull were killed from it. But Romaniuk—the fiery little retired colonel from the Argentine Air Force—is so insistent on this that to prove his point, he once drank a quart of water from a pond on the ranch which Uruguayan Army officers had labeled radioactive and unfit for human or animal consumption after a silvery disc had been spotted hovering over the water in broad daylight. The night after Pedro drank the water, he discovered enormous red welts all over his body. By morning they were gone, however, and he attributes them to hives, brought on by the sudden realization, once he had begun to relax in bed, that his foolishness might have brought about his untimely death.

There must have been a time at La Aurora when the dinner table conversation dealt with the day-to-day business of running a cattle ranch. But, all that changed abruptly on November 13, 1977, and now little is discussed at mealtime save UFOs.

That fateful Sunday morning began like all others at La Aurora—with Don Tonna milking the cows before



dawn in the large building next to the ranch house, used exclusively for that purpose. Around 5:30 a.m. he and nine of his ranch hands saw a bright orange light hovering over a grove of eucalyptus trees about five meters away. For some five minutes they watched it hover about 80 meters above the ground. Around the circumference of the orange light, the color changed constantly. Suddenly the object flew off at great speed.

When Don Tonna told his wife what he had seen, she didn't believe him. The next night, however, she had a chance to see the phenomenon for herself. The couple was seated in their living room, watching a Montevideo television station, when at 11:50 p.m., the screen suddenly went blank and the house lights went out. At first, they thought it was a power failure. (The source of power for the ranch—220 volts—is a large generator in a small building behind the ranch house, although a huge network of high tension wires on tall towers crosses the property, transporting electricity from a gigantic generating station near Salto, Uruguay to locations in both Uruguay and Argentina according to agreements reached by both nations). Looking out their living room window, Tonna and his wife, Angel Maria, saw another ball of orange light hovering in the distance.

*(To be concluded in the next issue)*

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## PRESS REPORTS

*By Joe and Doris Graziano*

**NORTH CAROLINA - March, 1979 - Monroe** - Pat Eudy left a friend's house around 3 a.m. and headed down a back road toward the Rocky River Bridge. He was looking at the stars and saw a bright light in the sky. The next thing he remembered was driving south on Morgan Hill Road at G.B. Helms' store. He didn't recall how he'd traveled from the bridge to the store, a distance of about 8 miles.

Eudy arrived home around 6:20 a.m., about 3 hours later than he should have. "My eyes were just burning like anything," he said. "My skin had a sensation of stinging and itching." The pain went away after several days.

A session with a Winston-Salem psychologist this past summer allowed Eudy to reconstruct some of what happened to him that morning. "The only thing I remember is being on board and seeing an astronaut in a suit." The being stood about 5 feet tall, had two arms and legs and his face was covered by a dark-colored visor. "The person never spoke a word," said Eudy.

He remembers first being in a well-lit room. Both the room and the being's suit were a light, metallic color. Eudy believes the craft was oval shaped. "the inside was designed like a cockpit of a plane. I wanted

to know how it operated." He recalls asking a lot of questions about how the craft worked.

After a few minutes in the first room, Eudy was taken into a darker second room. "I was put on a chair like a doctor's chair and strapped down. I think (he was) running tests on me." Pain in his fingers afterward made Eudy speculate that a blood sample was taken from him. He still doesn't remember crossing the bridge over the Rocky River or entering or leaving the craft.

**MISSISSIPPI - September 15, 1981 - Tylertown** - At least six persons reported seeing a UFO at two locations in the Tylertown area. Tony Martin and his wife watched the object hovering over Highway 24 for 4 or 5 minutes. It was described as a V-shaped, cuplike object with different colored green and yellow lights in 4 sections all around it. The object made no sound while hovering, but made a "strange loud noise" as it moved off to the west, displaying different colored lights as it moved.

Roanie Conerly and his mother sighted the object from the patio of the Conerly home. "It was as large as our house and near tree-top level. My mother and I were watching it from the patio and it first looked as if it might land. We turned off the lights to see what would happen, but it didn't land," said Conerly. The sightings all took place around 9 p.m.

**PENNSYLVANIA - September 24, 1981 - Easton** - After watching the 11 p.m. news at a friend's house, Charles Stanley was walking home when a bright light in the sky caught his attention. At first glance, the shiny objects appeared to be about 2 inches in diameter and were stationary in the cloudless sky. Stanley watched the objects for about 15 minutes, then returned to the friend's house to get binoculars.

Through the binoculars, he saw "one disk that moved up and down and from side to side in short strokes. Then it would turn over on its side so you could see it was disk-shaped." There were one or more similar objects rapidly orbiting the center disk. "They were lit up like a Christmas tree—all colors." Another witness, Grace Miller, remembers the objects as being purple, blue, green and red in color.

**NEBRASKA - October 19, 1981 - North Platte** - A saucer-shaped object with rotating red, green and white lights appeared on the eastern horizon about 2:10 a.m. according to police reports and five North Platte residents. Tom Knobel watched the object through binoculars. "There were a lot of colors and it looked round," he said. After police received Knobel's call, Sgt. Mike Swain and patrolman James Alger went to the scene and also observed the object and two other objects. The other two were farther away and less distinct, but were in the same general area.

Robert Newland, National Weather Service radar specialist at Lee Bird Field, sighted the object on



radar. He also used a low-power scope to observe it and said three lights appeared to be rotating on a mobile platform on the saucer-shaped object. Newland first picked up the object at about 2:10 a.m. and when he checked on it at 3:05 a.m. it had disappeared. Law enforcement officials in Lexington and Brady reportedly observed an unidentified object the same morning.

*MASSACHUSETTS - October 31, 1981 - North Adams* - At 7 p.m., as Anthony Sarkis, Jr. stood in his front yard adjusting a telescope, he saw an incandescent red fireball plummet to earth and disappear behind his house. He then heard a boom as loud as a shotgun blast that echoed among the nearby mountains.

Anthony went out back and discovered a rough, round object of baseball size glowing inside a 12 inch wide, 4 inch deep crater. The object was placed in a plastic bag the next morning, while it was still warm, and was later taken to Harvard University for testing.

A Harvard geologist said the object is nothing more than a piece of "industrial slag," but North Adams State College physics professor William G. Seeley is seeking further opinions. The Harvard professor, Dr. John Wood, determined that the object was of the wrong texture and weight to have been a meteorite.

Doubting that a hoax has been perpetrated by young Sarkis, Dr. Seeley said he would still like to see testing for the chemical and physical properties of the object. In that way, a positive determination could be made as to whether or not the object originated on earth. At least 5 other persons have reported seeing red flashes in the sky recently, Dr. Seeley said.

*November 5, 1981 - Williamstown* - Kathy Fraser, Michelle Schroeder, patrolman Jeffrey Card, as well as several youngsters at the Williamstown Boys' Club, reported sighting a circular object with bright lights hovering over Pine Cobble Mountain around 8 p.m. The bright object moved from west to east about a half a mile above the tree line.

*November 12, 1981 - New Hampton* - John Davis was preparing to close his gas station around 7 p.m. when two women pulled into the parking lot, got out of their car and started "shouting and hollering, waving their hands." Davis looked up and saw a shimmering silvery saucer about 35-40 feet across with 3 "posts" hanging down like legs. The object hovered 75-100 feet above the garage for 5-8 minutes while a small group of people watched. It then began drifting to the north and disappeared over the trees.

Linda Brown, the driver of the car that pulled into the station, said that the object followed her car on Route 104, shooting blue flames down toward it. She and her son Jeremy and a friend, Mary Ann Willis, had first spotted the lights of the object while driving on I-93. At exit 23 she stopped and saw a "big thing" with many lights "coming down from the sky." Brown said it had 2 "legs" protruding from the bottom and

was silent. When observed at the gas station it had a "boomerang" shape.

Clyde and Suzy Brown of Potter Place and Frank Kokx of Gilford also saw lights at approximately the same time as the Davis sighting, but assumed they were low-flying airplanes. Suzy said, "The lights were darting in and out without any regular pattern." Kokx thought the slow movement of the lights and the faint outline indicated they were part of a larger object.

Col. Robert Reynolds of the Massachusetts Air National Guard said a group of six A-10s were on a refueling mission in the central New Hampshire area between 6 and 7 p.m. that evening. However, several other witnesses do not believe that is what they saw. Ken and Shelly Davis went to their car around 6:45 p.m. and saw a "mass of lights" make a slow turn and disappear. They watched the lights for about 5 minutes and said they appeared to be much larger and were flying too slow to be a jet airplane.

A Sanbornton woman reported sighting lights in a field behind her garage around 7 p.m. They were about 6 to 8 inches in diameter and about 2 feet apart. "I watched them for a few moments and the object shot what appeared to be fireworks three times," she said. Whatever was fired traveled for about 25-30 feet through the air. The lights and object then moved closer and fired once again. She called to her husband who was in another room, but by the time he arrived the lights had disappeared. A neighbor reported that there was interference with her television signal at about the same time.

Mrs. Edna Ulm, of Meredith, saw "a very, very bright light to the west of me over the New Hampton-Meredith area just before 7 p.m." The light started moving in the direction of Meredith Village and Mrs. Ulm said the object had a constantly flashing light and several other "orangeish" lights connected to it. She stepped outside for a better look and realized that the object was emitting no noise whatsoever.

"As it traveled, the outside lights were blinking. Then the outside lights seemed to drop away from the unit one by one. The big unit was still there and the blinking lights went off to the west," Mrs. Ulm recalled. She then drew the drapes and re-opened them about 90 minutes later and found the object still in the same spot. Then it just disappeared.

*November 24, 1981 - Willits* - William Bernhart, Bonnie Porter and Dixie Southwick spotted a "pale orange peel-shaped object" around 6:45 p.m. They watched the object for about 45 minutes before it disappeared.

Porter said the group looked at the object through binoculars and she described it as "shaped like an umbrella turned upside down with prongs on it." She added that at one point it disappeared and then came back again.